

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No. I do not want to have a medical exam.

I think they should if they forced me to have a medical exam.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

The last time I went to Sears to a hearing specialist she wanted to charge me 150 more because of my hearing. I do not believe in the audiologists.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No. I don't want my body telling me what to do.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes. There is no way I want to pay the high price the audiologists want. I am happy with the Excel Hearing Solutions. I have to pay too much for the prescription charge for my hearing.

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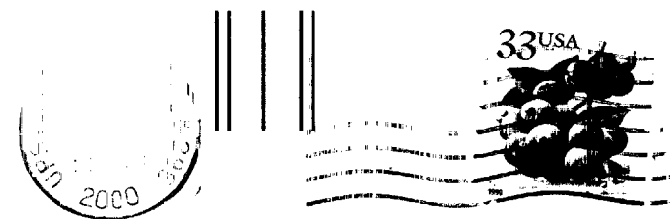
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